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Nalini joined UBS Optimus Foundation in January 2019 and currently oversees programs in health, education, child protection and climate and environment. She also leads the Foundation's monitoring, evaluation and learning function that reports on our impact, in line with industry standards and benchmarks.

Since 2019, Nalini has led the development of the Foundation's impact measurement and management strategy, including tools and processes to track quality of our programs to promote impact transparency. These data inform our strategies in the four portfolios. She has made significant contributions to the UBS Collectives, where the Collective Impact model was introduced for the first time at the Foundation to bring philanthropists and partners together to achieve impact on specific topics.

Prior to joining the UBS Optimus Foundation, Nalini worked for the Children's Investment Fund Foundation as Executive Director, Evidence, Measurement and Evaluation and for Big Win Philanthropy as Senior Manager, Strategy and Programs. Before that she held academic positions at Yale University and Duke University in the US. In India, Nalini worked as an engineer and as a teacher for children with disabilities.



She has one daughter, loves reading, movies, theater, hiking, and bird watching. Nalini practices insight meditation daily, which helps her appreciate deeply the impact the Foundation's programs are having on our people and planet.